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1. Improvements and redeployment of fighter aircraft have recently occurred at three North Vietnamese airfields. The activity has occurred at Quan Lang Airfield [redacted] Dong Hoi Airfield [redacted] and Dong Suong Airfield [redacted]. Quan Lang and Dong Hoi Airfields are in the North Vietnamese panhandle; Dong Suong Airfield is southwest of Hanoi in central North Vietnam (Figure 1).

2. [redacted] pierced steel planking had been placed on the runway at Quan Lang Airfield. [redacted] pierced steel planking had also been placed on a taxiway leading from Route 7, near the southeast end of the runway [redacted].

These improvements have provided the North Vietnamese with an operational, all-weather, jet-fighter airfield 16 nautical miles (nm) from the Laotian border. One camouflaged MIG-21 and one camouflaged probable MIG-21 were on hardstands at the northwest end of the runway [redacted].

This was the first identification of aircraft at Quan Lang. US airstrikes of [redacted]

[redacted] resulted in the probable destruction of the MIG-21s. Subsequent coverage [redacted] revealed the wreckage of two MIG-21s, although no damage was observed to the airfield.

3. [redacted] seven MIG-21s were on the south-southeastern end of the runway at Dong Suong Airfield (Figure 3). This was the first identification of aircraft at Dong Suong. Dong Suong is a packed-earth runway 16 nm southwest of Hanoi. The airfield was first observed in early stages of construction [redacted]. Dong Suong provides the North Vietnamese with another operational jet-fighter airfield near Hanoi.

4. [redacted] existing bomb craters along the entire length of Dong Hoi Airfield were being filled. Ground scarring indicated the east-southeastern end of the runway was being extended by at least 426 meters (1,400 feet) (Figure 4). This extension and the 60-meter (200-foot) overrun at the west-northwest end of the runway will provide the airfield with a 2,286-meter (7,500-foot) runway when complete. Dong Hoi would then provide the North Vietnamese with a jet-fighter airfield approximately 38 nm from the DMZ.

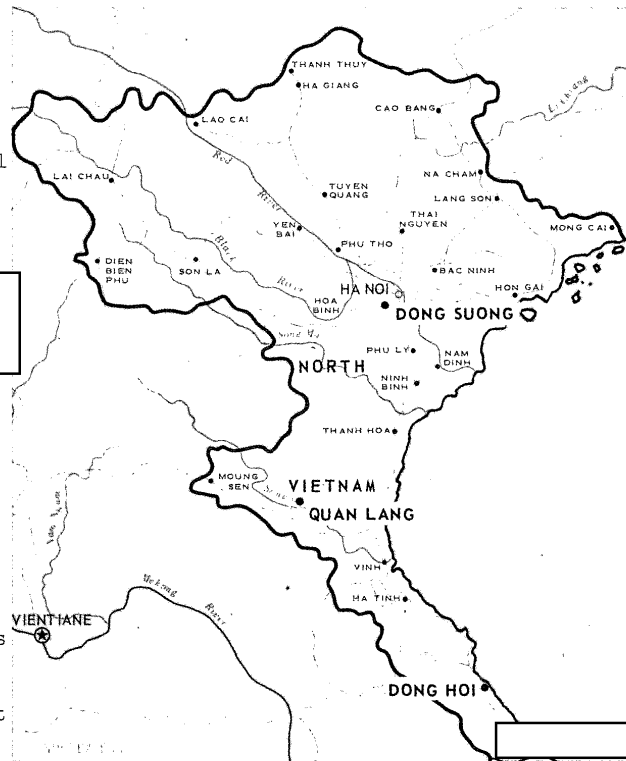


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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FIGURE 2. QUAN LANG AIRFIELD, NORTH VIETNAM

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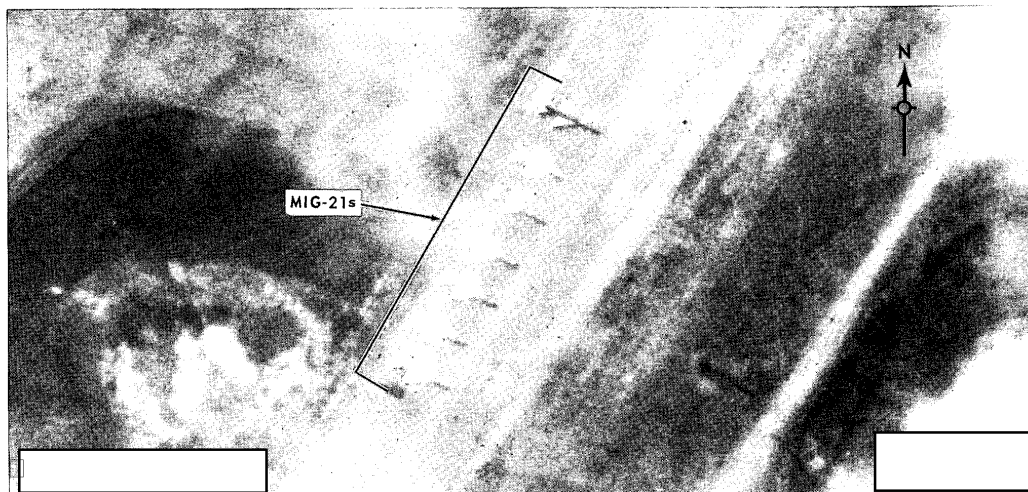
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FIGURE 3. DONG SUONG AIRFIELD, NORTH VIETNAM



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FIGURE 4. DONG HOI AIRFIELD, NORTH VIETNAM

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